

REMINDER

Drawing changes may also require changes in the specification, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig. 1A, Fig. 1B, Fig. 1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawings, must likewise be changed. Please make such changes by 37 CFR 1.312 Amendment at the time of submitting drawing changes.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

1. Correction of Informalities—37 CFR 1.85

File new drawing with the changes incorporated therein. The application number or the title of the invention, inventor's name, docket number (if any), and the name and telephone number of a person to whom the Office is to send the drawings and the proper application, should be placed on the drawings. The drawings should be filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84(c). Applicant may delay filing of the drawings until receipt of the Notice of Abandonment (PTO 948). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136. There are separate forms for each separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Drawing Review Branch.

2. Timing of Corrections

The time period for making possible corrections to drawings is the three-month shortened period of the Office of Adjudication (PTO 948). If a correction is determined to be unacceptable by the Office, applicant must arrange to have the corrected drawings resubmitted within the right three-month period to avoid the necessity of obtaining an extension of time and paying the extension fee. Therefore, applicant should file corrected drawings as soon as possible.

Failure to take corrective action within set (or extended) period will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the Application.

3. Corrections other than Informalities Noted by the Drawing Review Branch on the Form PTO 948

All changes to the drawings, other than informalities noted by the Drawing Review Branch, **MUST** be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted to be made, other than correction of informalities, unless the examiner has approved the proposed changes.